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The Report of the Corresponding Secretary for the last month was read and adopted.

June 3d.

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

Letters were read—

From the Imperial Society of Naturalists of Moscow, dated August 13th, 1855;

From the Royal Imperial Geological Institute of Vienna, dated 23d September, 1855;

From the Senckenberg Natural History Society, dated February, 1856; and

From George Frauenfeld, dated Vienna, 12th December, 1855, severally announcing donations.

From Prof. Karl Koch, Secretary of the Society for the Advancement of Horticulture, dated Berlin, 6th February, 1856, acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings, transmitting donations, and desiring exchange. Referred to the Publication Committee.

From the Royal Academy of Sciences of Amsterdam, dated 15th January, 1856; and

From the K. L. C. Academy of Sciences of Breslau, dated 30th January, 1856, severally acknowledging the receipt of the Journal and Proceedings.

From the Royal Bavarian Academy of Sciences, dated Munich, January 20th, 1856, acknowledging the receipt of the publications of the Academy, and requesting a duplicate set.

From the Senckenberg Natural History Society, dated February, 1856, acknowledging donations.

From the Academy of Science of St. Louis, dated 24th May, 1856, requesting donations of works on Natural History.

Mr. Isaac Lea read a paper, entitled, "Description of thirteen species of Exotic Peristomata;" which was referred to a Committee consisting of Drs. Hallowell, Corse, and J. A. Meigs.

June 10th.

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

A letter, dated September, 1855, was read from Jas. R. Eckert and Frederick S. Eckert, Executors of the Estate of the late James Read, presenting his herbarium and certain botanical works.

A paper was presented for publication in the Journal, entitled, "A Commentary on the 'Synopsis Fungorum in America Boreali media degentium, by L. D. de Schweinitz.' By the Rev. M. J. Berkeley, M. A., F. L. S., and the Rev. M. A. Curtis, F. A. A. S.;" which was referred to a Committee consisting of Dr. Zantzing, Mr. Durand, and Dr. Bridges.

A paper was presented for publication in the Proceedings, entitled, "Descriptions of New Species of Acephala and Gasteropoda from the Tertiary formations of Nebraska Territory, with some general remarks on the Geology of the country about the sources of the Missouri river. By F. B. Meek and F. V. Hayden, M. D.;" which was referred to a Committee consisting of Dr. Leidy, Mr. Lea, and Mr. Charles E. Smith.

Dr. Leidy announced that the skeleton of the White Bear presented by Dr. E. K. Kane, had been mounted and placed in the Museum.

Dr. Leidy observed that A. Vogt, a frog and leech catcher, who frequently accompanied Dr. Hallowell and himself when in pursuit of objects of Natural History, informed them that the severe cold of the previous winter had destroyed great numbers of frogs and turtles. Dr. L. also expressed the opinion that the house-flies were much less numerous this season than last; a fact which he was inclined to attribute to the destruction of their larvæ by the severe and protracted cold of the preceding winter months.

Dr. Bridges thought that the shade trees of our city suffered less than usual from the span-worm.

On leave granted, Dr. Leidy offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That casts in plaster of the skulls of *Bootherium cavifrons* and *Megalonyx Jeffersonii*, be presented to the Boston Natural History Society, the British Museum, and the Zoological Museums of the Jardin des Plantes, Paris, and of Berlin, Prussia.

June 17th.

Mr. LEA, Vice-President, in the Chair.

A letter was read from Mr. George Gibbs, dated Fort Steilacoom, Washington Territory, May 6th, 1856, acknowledging his election to membership.

A paper was presented for publication in the Proceedings, entitled, "Contributions to the Ichthyology of the Western Coast of the United States, from specimens in the Museum of the Smithsonian Institution. By Charles Girard, M. D.;" which was referred to a Committee consisting of Drs. Wilson and Hallowell, and Mr. Vaux.

A paper was presented for publication in the Proceedings, entitled, "Ceratites Americanus. By Prof. L. Harper, of the University of Mississippi;" which was referred to Dr. Leidy and Messrs. Lea and A. H. Smith.

A paper was presented for publication in the Proceedings, entitled, "Examination of the Meteoric Iron from Xiquipilco, Mexico. By W. J. Taylor;" which was referred to a Committee consisting of Mr. Vaux, Dr. Genth, and Mr. S. Ashmead.

Dr. Hallowell presented for publication in the Proceedings, a paper, entitled, "Description of two New Species of Urodèles from Georgia;" which was referred to a Committee consisting of Major Le Conte, and Drs. Bridges and Leidy.